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For: VALVE STEM INSTALLATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
INSTALLING VALVE STEM

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Second Preliminary Amendment is submitted to provoke interference with U.S. Patent 6,886,231, issued May 3, 2005. It is requested that, prior to initial examination of the application, the Examiner enter this Second Preliminary Amendment and that initial examination be made in view of the following amendments.

If additional fees are incurred because of this Second Preliminary Amendment and not included, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said additional fees, as well as credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 of Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.